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CHAPTER IX.

A snow cloud was hanging over Fort Frayno that levely Christmas eve, and the moon shone down through a filmy veil of lace and east black shadows on the dazzling surface. Everywhere about the post lights were twinkling in the quarters and sounds of soldier merriment and revelry came from the barracks. Over at the assembly room Rorke and his party were still busily at work hanging festoons of green and completing the decorations for the morrow, while in the several households among the officers dinner parties or similar entertainments called together under one roof or another almost all the families as well as the bachelors of the garrison. The children were rejoleing in their great Christmas tree at the chapel. The colonel had bidden them all to his big house for a Santa Claus party after the public ceremony of the post Sunday school, and Aunt Lucretia, a garrulous, flighty, feather brained fairy of 40 summers or more, was doing her best to get the little gifts in proper order against their coming, being aided in her perplexities and complications by the dreamy, but devoted, Wayne. Kitty was dining at the Farwells'-a temporary truce having been patched up between her and Will about sunset-and Ellis, too, very, very much against her wish, was one of this party. Ormsby was, of course, bidden, and had been placed next the lady of his love, but averted eyes and monosyllabic answers were the only returns of his devotion.

Grieved and hart at first, the sterling fellow was finally stung to reprisals. He was guilty of no wrong. He was worthy far kinder treatment at her hands, and, noting her apparent deacross the table or with Captain Amory, who had taken her in, the New Yorker presently succeeded in interesting the lady on his right, and, when dinner was over and the women passed out into the parlor, was enabled to make way for Miss Farrar with a very courteous flushed, but, inclining her head, passed him by without a word.

be heard returning from the chapel, Daunton, Ormsby was already figuring for an opportunity of temporary escape. It had been arranged that most of the officers and ladies were to gather at the hoproom after 10, "just to see if the floor was in good shape for tomorrow," and Jack well understood that Ellis did not mean that he should be her escort, and, as matters now stood, he did not desire her to suppose that such was his wish. Even as he was pondering over the eigarettes and coffee how he should manage the matter and giving but absentminded attention to the cheery chat about him Captain Amory suddenly lifted his hand and said, "Hush!"

Out across the parade, quick, stirring and spirited, the cavalry trumpet was sounding "officers' call," and every man sprang to his feet. "What can it "What has happened?" were the questions that assailed them as they came streaming out through the parlor in search of their greatcoats.

"Did you ever know such a regiment?" exclaimed the hostess impulsively. "I do believe we never get through Christmas without a tragedy of some kind." And then she bit her tongue as she caught sight of Ellis Farrar's startled face.

"I think if you will excuse me, Mrs. Farwell, I will go to mother a moment. She is at the chaplain's by this time and Mrs. Daunton is with her. Still, I feel anxious. All this may excite her very much."

And so, while the officers went hurrying away across to the adjutant's office, Ormsby found himself, after all. tendering his arm to Miss Farrar. Ho was the only man left. Kitty, excited and agitated, she knew not why, had made some comical attempts to detain Will, but his long legs had by this time carried him half way to the scene of the sudden summons.

"Thank you, no. I do not need it," said Ellis coldly. "Indeed, I do not need escort at all to go so short a dis-

"It seems to be the post custom none the less," was the grave answer. "Besides, I think I am justified in saying you have treated me with aversion so marked of late that I am entitled to eral serimmage. Big Road's whole vilknow the cause. What can I have done to deserve it, Ellis? Let us understand "There is only one way, then, Mr.

Ormsby," she answered, with sudden impulse. "Who is Helen Daunton?" 'Ellis, I cannot tell you now," was

the sorrowful, gentle answer. "Be patient with me yet a little while."

"Yet you know?" "Yes-I know."

"And you say let us understand each other," she answered bitterly.

"Ellis, I said to you before when we spoke of this that there are secret orders a soldier must obey and not explain. In these last few hours secret orders have come to me.

"And you accept secret orders-from

"I accept them from my honor, Ellis, for I have given my word. No," he im-

leave him, "listen, for it may be my last opportunity tonight. I know it seems hard and strange to you that when I would lay my whole life open before you, I must not yet tell you this. But, Ellis, I give you my honor I am hiding nothing shameful to that poor woman nor to me. It is only for a time I must be silent. When I can speak, you'll forgive me, dear. You will thank me that I do keep silence now. Trust me, Ellis. Can you not look up

at me and say you trust me?" Ah, how pleading was his tone, how full of love and fire and tenderness his manly face, as in that still winter night he looked down into her eyes! Over at the barracks there was a sudden stop to all the music, but men's voices could be heard in excited talk. Along officers' row many a door was opened and women and children were peering out in search of explanation of the unusual summons. Over at the adjutant's office a dark throng had gathered, the officers of the garrison and other knots as of soldiers or Indians could be seen, but Jack and Ellis saw, heard, nothing of this. Her voice had the ring of steel to it as she answered:

"If it were just a question of my own happiness, I might trust you, but it is my mother's happiness-perhaps her life. I must know all there is to know about that woman whom my mother trusts so blindly. I must know for myself. In the name of the love you offer me will you tell me the truth about

"Ellis, I cannot tonight, I have given my word."

'Then keep it," said she with sudden passion. "Keep it and keep your love." Then she turned and fled within the termination to talk only with the men | chaplain's gate, leaving him standing on the snowy walk without, sorrowing, yet determined.

For a moment he stood there following her with his eyes. Never stopping to kneek or ring, she turned the knob and let herself into the brightly lighted hall. He caught a glimpse of the gray but entirely ceremonious bow. Ellis | haired chaplain bending over a womanly form. He caught one fleeting view of dm by without a word.

It was then nearly 8:30 o'clock, and dently the call had been heard there, the gleeful voices of the children could | too, and, coming as it did in the stillness of the holiday evening, it boded no and, mindful of his promise to Helen good. Only on rare occasions or some sudden emergency was Fenton known to call every duty officer to his presence. even by day, and he would be almost the last man to break in upon the festivities of the season with a stern call to arms unless arms and men both were needed somewhere. The day had been one long trial to Mrs. Farrar, and since moon one long torture to her cherished friend. And so, as they were seated about the chaplain's fire and the trumpet notes were heard, and a servant hastening in said, "It's officers' call, sir." just as Ellis feared her mother was seized with sudden faintness. "My boy, Willy! They won't take him." she faltered, and then sank back nerveless into her chair.

> Ormsby turned and sped away for the office. At least he could ascertain the cause of the summons and bring them tidings if it meant no move, but the first glance through the window at his uncle's face, as he stood surrounded by his officers, told the New Yorker, already experienced in frontier garrison life, that something imminent was in the wind. Fenton was talking rapidly, as was his wont when roused, and the only faces in the group that did not seem to kindle in response to the light in his keen, sparkling eyes were those of two heavily blanketed Indians standing sullen and imperturbable beside him. Out in the snow half a dozen noncommissioned officers were gathered in a group by the little knot of Indian ponies and cowboy bronchos. An Indian boy, lolling in his saddle, replied in monosyllables to their eager questions, A brace of cowboys, one of them obviously in liquor, sought to impress upon all within hearing their version of some row that had evidently taken place. Among the bystanders was Ormsby's old friend, the sergeant major, and to

him he appealed. "What's up sergeant?" "Been a fight, sir-cowboys and Indians. Christmas drunk, I reckon. The cowboys were having some fun with their lariats, and they roped old Big Road off his pony and shot at him when he showed fight. Then his two sons shot Laramic Pete, and it looks like a genlage is camped only ten miles down stream, and they're war dancing already. There's a lot of drunken cowboys over at town, and they swear they'll

rouse the county and clean out the

whole Indian outfit." Thanking the staff sergeant for his information, Ormsby pressed on to the crowded room and stood in the outskirt of the throng of officers. Fenton was speaking as he entered the hall, and his voice had no uncertain ring. He had been questioning one of the cowboy leaders, a scowling, semideflant, but splendidly built specimen of frontier chivalry, and it was evident that the verdict of the commander was against these turbulent gentry and in favor of

the Indians. "By your own admission, Thorne, your fellows are on a tear, and whether they meant it as fun or not it was

a mad brained trick in my eyes and an outrage from the Indian point of view. Big Road would have been no chief at all if he hadn't resented it furiously. It may be, as you say, that he was first to pull his gun, but you pulled him off his horse. The men that did it deserve to be



At the threshold he turned and once more faced the post commande

shot, and I'm sorry he missed. You say there are cowboys enough in the county to clean out a dozen such bands as his and that Laramie Pete's friends won't rest until they've done it. Go you to them right from this spot and say for me there are not cowboys enough in all the territory to lick this regiment, and you've got to do that before you can raise one scalp in that village."

"All right, Colonel Fenton. In the old days we used to say blood was thicker than water, and in many a tough place we've stood by the soldier against the savage. There was never a time we went back on you, and this is the first time I ever heard of an officer who would go back on us"-

"Don't distort things now, my friend," said Fenton coolly. "I never would go back on you, as you say, if you were the assailed and the wronged. This is a case of simple justice, and I interpose to keep the peace until the rights and wrongs can be sifted and settled. Take my advice and keep away from the village.'

"There's higher power in the land than the military, Colonel Fenton, and that's public opinion, and public opinion says Big Road's people murdered Laramie Pete. Public opinion says we want the murderers, and, by God, we mean to have 'em even if we have to clean out the whole village! We want no fight with you; but, through the press and congress, we'll use you up till there won't be as much left of you as the Sioux left of Custer's crowd. Take my advice and keep away from us."

And so saying Ben Thorpe, "king of the cowboys," as they called him on the Platte, strode angrily out of the room, the officers parting in silence to let him go. At the threshold he turned and more faced the post commander.

"Another thing, Colonel Fenton!" And as he spoke Ormsby could see how the strong frame was quivering with excitement and wrath. "You say we're not the sheriff's posse and we cannot act in accordance with law. There's no sheriff in all Wyoming nearer than Rock Springs, and I'm sheriff in these parts until he comes. I'm sheriff enough to hunt murderers, and sheriff enough to run down horse thieves, and do it without waiting for warrants, either, and that damned redskin whom you're protecting there by your side is one of the four that shot Pete Boland. I'll send a sheriff's posse here in ten minutes, and I'll give you warning here and now we mean to have the law on him or you, and you take your choice. Will you surrender him?

Ormsby felt his nerves and muscles quivering. This was indeed bearding the lion in his den. It was a new thing to see a post commander braved in his own bailiwick. Fenton, however, never showed the faintest frritation. Checking with a gesture the indignant move made by some of the younger officers, no turned quietly to the officer of the

"Captain Amory, let a file of the guard escort that gentleman off the res-

"So be it, Colonel Fenton, and let the country know I was thrust off the post at the point of the saber. I'll wait for my escort. "

He had little time to wait. Almost at the doorway already, the corporal's guard, obeying the impatient summons of the young officer in command, came trotting up at double quick, a noncommissioned officer and two troopers. One of, the latter, stocky, heavily bearded, slouchy, with furtive, bloodshot eyes, looked uneasily about him as the detail halted, and, springing up the steps, the corporal lightly touched the cowboy on the shoulder. Thorpe had turned back as though to hurl some parting shot or sarcasm at the oppressor, but at the touch of the corporal's hand looked coolly around. "Well, sonny, what do von want?"

"Come along, Ben," said the corporat quietly, then started back involuntarily at the expression of amazement and wrath that shot suddenly into the cow-

boy's face.
"What!" hissed Thorpe, striding a pace forward. "You here? You officiating as policeman to show me off Uncle Sam's jailyard. You, you sneak and soum!" he shouted, shaking a fist in Oraice's sodden face. "You, you braggart and blackguard-you coward, who left poor Crawford's wife without a defender. You cur, who stole the last cent he had and then betrayed him to the Indians; you liar, who brag of being an officer's son and dare not own your own

"Stand back!" he flereely cried as the corporal once more streve to place a hand upon his shoulder. "I've no quarrel with you, Reddy, or with this other ployed, as she hastened as though to wough fun at best and nothing less than poer devil, who can only do as he's or-

dered, but I'd die in my tracks before that white livered bound should escort me off this post. Out of the way!" he oried, and with one magnificent bound reached his horse, leaped into his saddle, and dashed a few yards away. Then, whirling about, he swung his hat in

air. "Good night to you, gentlemen. Merry Christmas to you, one and all. You've got one of those bloody murderers here, so keep him if you choose, but we'll have the other three before the sun rises in spite of all the thugs and thieves like that fellow you can muster in the cavalry."

And with a parting malediction at

Graice and a lash of the stinging quirt, he whirled his broncho and dashed away at the gallop.

"Damn that fellow!" said Fenton.
'I like him in spite of all his deviltry. There's no help for it, gentlemen-the Twelfth has got to spend its Christmas standing between those rough riders and the very band that killed our colonel three long years ago. '

[TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.]

DEFECTS IN THE DISPENSARY. A Strong Advocate Urges the Legislature to Improve the Law.

The Piedmont Headlight, edited by arry Gantt, who was credited with making the original suggestion of the law, contains a lengthy editorial discussing the dispensary system. Here

are some of its statements:
"That there has been mismanage. ment and some stealing connected with the dispensary since its establishment no one can or will deny.
That the whole thing needs remodeling and overhauling is generally conceded. No business ever conducted by this or any other State presented such an inviting field for corruption. It was a new and untried experiment, and its inaugurators had no guide by which to go. The enemies of the law made it so obnoxious that it was a hard matter to secure the services of a suc-cessful business man to accept any position connected with the dispensary. The press and the pulpit both started a crusade against the new experiment to control the liquor traffic, and church members were even threatened with expulsion did they not resign the places they held. The constable feature of the law proved

especially obnoxious.

Bar rooms will never again be established in South Carolina. The only change allowed in the dispensary em will be to permit private individuals to sell under the same restric-tions as to hours and quantity as is now practiced. Of course we can have so-called 'prohibition,' but experience in the past has demonstrated the fact that prohibition does anything eise than prohibit. It simply exchanges the legalized sale of whiskey for countless doggeries, where the vilest de coctions are sold to any one who will

buy.
We believe as our State dispensary is now conducted, that there is no ground for any charge of dishonesty in Columbia. The State board of control are gentlemen whose names carry with them confidence and respect while in Col. S. W. Scruggs they have one of the finest accountants in the South-and if any rascality is ticed by subordinates he is sure to find it out.

"The greatest trouble we see with the dispensary is the high price charged for liquors and their unrestricted sale. There is no denying the transparent fact that as now managed any man can buy all the whiskey his appetite craves just as readily as when we had bar rooms. Here is where reform is needed, and badly needed, too. In the first place the State has no more right to create a monopoly and profit by that monopoly at the expense of the people than an individual has. It was not designed to create of the dispensary a source of revenue, but simply to permit sober men, who need intoxicants, or know how to use them with moderation, to purchase pure liquors legally, and without resorting to blind tigers. Many men who voted for the law would never have done so did they believe that the doors of our dispensaries were to be thrown open to any one who would buy.

"And in this connection, and being a friend to the dispensary law, truth and candor compels us to say that while for a time the use of stimulants was greatly curtailed, we can see a daily increase in liquor-drinking and drunkenness. We have two dispensaries in Spartanburg, and at any public day it is a hard task to enter the doors At first one dispensary did all the bus-

iness easily.
"Too much liquor is being sold by the dispensaries, and it is too easy to buy it. The consumption is daily increasing, when, if the dispensary promised, the use of intoxicants would be gradually and steadily diminished. No county should be allowed more than one dispensary, and then throw greater restrictions around the sale f we can reduce the consumption of intoxicants one-half, or even one-third, so much the better."

A RATE WAR EXPECTED. The Belief that Hostilities Will B

Resumed is Spreading. Railroad circles are somewhat agi tated over a rapidly spreading belief that the rate war between the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern Railway is to be renewed. The action of cent rate war first created the impres sion that another war might be resort-

ed to. Color is given this belief by an inte-The inference necessarily drawn from NEW Orbons.

what was wanted, the Seaboard in ing only 39 years of age, has aged rap in Georgia journalism.

"The Scaboard Air Line," said Mr. St. John to a reporter, "will demand from its competitors all the privileges secorded to any other railway com pany, and failing to receive them, will resort to such means to enforce its demands as may be deemed wise and just by the directors of the company
"If the Southern Railway Company

"If the Southern Railway Company wants to preserve the peace between itself and the Seaboard Air Line, it knows exactly what to do," continued Mr. St. John. To a further question he said that the Seaboard Air Line announced some months ago that it wanted to run through passenger coaches from New York to New Or-leans, and that it still wants that right. He added:

I do not look upon the concessions which we have said we wanted in the light of a favor. I consider that the seaboard has the right to demand any seaboard has the right to demand any and every accommodation that is ex-tended by any and every line to either the Southern or any other competitor of the Seaboard."

As to whether a rate war was im-pending, Mr. St. John said: "That depends entirely upon what the Southern may do, if it does any-thing to change the existing condition of affairs. As I said before, it knows what step is necessary for them to take to restore harmony. Right here I wish to say that the impression which has gotten abroad that the Seaboard is always anxious to light its competi-tors is an erroneous one. The Seaboard does not want rate wars, but we know our rights, and I trust and hope we will always be able to maintain and enforce them."

PERSECUTED BY PROFITS.

A Rich Man Who Tries to Lose His Fortune, But Can't.

ouisville Courier-Journal.

The history of John Lawrence Schoolcraft, who now, broken-hearted and aimless in life, plods uncomplain-ingly through a weary existence, earn-ing by constant labor a bare maintenance, is a sad one. Several days ago bonds and securities amounting to \$60,000 were found in the bottom of a 500,000 were found in the bottom of a cast-off trunk in the Sacatoga Hotel at Chicago, as was related at the time in the Courier-Journal. The finding of such valuables has led to an investigation of the first has been catabilitied.

asked in regard to the securities he ton in some way, or that it was not more sure, however, sent Schooleraft's some nervous persons. I ask you, Mr. picture to his old home in Richmond, Editor, to publish this for no other pur-Va. Letters were received immediatefrom prominent business men of Richmond saying the picture was undoubtedly that of Schoolcraft. This

These letters also explained why Schoolcraft, with \$60,000 at his command, keeps up the drudgery of addressing envelopes to earn his daily livelihood. He himself declines to tell the time in my statements. During the story of his life, but in answer to the late war parties living on these persistent questioning only says: man on earth has suffered more than I. heard, reported each day exactly the Had I thought my past would be dug up in connection with these miserable old papers, I would never have made publish this, if any changes in these claim to them. May my secret be explosions take place, I will write you buried with my body."
Ten years ago John Lawrence Schoolcraft was a vigorous, handsome

young man of 29 years. He was ar enterprising young business man and was a member of the firm of Campbell & Schoolcraft, of Richmond, Va. firm was a popular one and made money fast. Schoolcraft had extensive business ventures outside of his regular business, and all of them netted him big gains. Mrs. Schoolcraft leaders of Richmond society. School-craft idolized his wife, and his whole life seemed to be given up to her pleasure and happiness. One day he awoke to the realization that a young lawyer named Stein, who had been one of his most confident and trusted friends had robbed him of his wife's affections. He made no complaint, neither did he atter a word of censure, but hastily converted all his property and his bus-

Schoolcraft's main purpose was to I have come home to die.' squander all his money and scatter it in a way that his wife could never get phine bottle and exhibited it to her. He rushed into big speculations and often instead of losing, realized from his grasp and after having conhandsome profits. Taxes on his real estate were purposely left unpaid and the property was sold and resold until neighborhood. it was clouded by mortgages too far to of wild speculations, and in almost he directors of the verious branches M., where he had invested in what he session of the vial. He succeeded in of the Scaboard system in indorsing considered a losing venture, but to his overpowering her, and as she sank the attitude of the officers in the re-\$100,000. Schoolcraft finally succeeded in squandering all his money, and landed in Chicago about two weeks go with but a few dollars in his pockview with Vice President St. John of jets and with a determination to carn a the Scaboard, in the Washington Star, pittance wherewith to sustain himself. When Chief Bacenock took the sethis interview is that Mr. St. John's curities after they were found and

Southern's steamer line between Balti- they belonged to him, but they were more and Norfolk, and the grant of the worthless. Experts who have examin-Scaboard's demand that its sleepers be ed them declare they are good, and carried through from Washington to not only can their face value be readily collected, but the accrued interest, 30 years old, and unmarried. He was These were the demands of the Sea- which will amount to some thousands one of the most popular men in south-

augurated the great rate war. No surprise, therefore, would be created by another declaration of war at any time.

Schoolcraft was born in Kentucky, and lived in the State prior to his res-

dence in Richmond.

They Preceded the Earthquake Ten Years Ago--Again The Rumbling is Heard.

Mr. Henry J. Kinard, of Ninety Six, C., writes as follows to the Columbia Register:

About eleven or twelve years ago a rumbling noise was heard about four miles southeast of this place, resembmiles southeast of this place, resembling the report of a cannon, only the sound was deadened somewhat by being underground. It started nearly two years before the great August earthquake and became more frequent and louder up to the earthquake and continued only a few weeks after the continued only a few weeks after the continued only a few weeks after the elect takes high ground on matters of earthquake. These explosive reports great public concern and says his carthquake. These explosive reports were not at regular intervals, sometimes one to live times a day, and some days would not be heard. The vibration of the earth just after an explosion or report was sufficient to rattle glassware and glass windows hard enough to wake one at night, or if lying with your head on the base of if lying with your bead on the base of a tree you could feel the vibration. If lying with your head on the base of a tree you could feel the vibration. Some people living close became very much alarmed and were uneasy that The Governor-elect is looking well. much alarmed and were uneasy that something would happen to injure pronounced, and I often heard them. I think large pieces of earth must be dropping off beneath the surface, falling deep down in some cavity below, which must cause the report.

Was bad just after the campaign, but he is now quite well again. He expects to move his family to Columbia as soon as he is inaugurated, and they will reside at the executive management. He smilingly dropping on beneath the surface, will reside at the executive monsion. He smilingly remarked to-day that one leading manufacturer of bicycles had offered him a handsome machine of about three miles. They were more prenounced than the report of blasting, but having somewhat of the deadened sound. I shall always believe they were somewhat connected with the great earthquake, because pearly the great earthquake, because nearly

ing, and. as I stated, after the earth-quake they were less frequent and not so loud, and in the course of about six

two years before the earthquake, when

first heard, they were not so loud and less frequent, but just before the earth-

quake they were very frequent and so much louder and of course the vibra-

tion of the earth so much more strik-

pose than it is a fact that these plosive noises were associated with the great August carthquake and that it dismissed all doubts as to the man's identity and right of ownership. these explosive reports are heard again. My correspondence nine years ago in the Carolina Spartan was taken by the News and Courier as a canard, out proved to be a fact. Captain "No flat lands where these noises are now number of cannons that were fired in Charleston. If you are disposed to

SUICIDE OF AN EDITOR.

Popular Young Man Ended His Life in a Sensational Manner.

Mr. Richard E. Cherry, who was until recently the associate editor of The Penny Press, a daily paper in Albany, Ga., committed suicide at his home, in that city on the 24th inst. was a beautiful woman and was one of the act was occasioned by despontent most attractive and fascinating dency over the loss of his position, leaders of Richmond society. School- and its accomplishment was marked by some of the most sensational features that ever characterized selfmurder.

Cherry had for a long time been conneeted with The Penny Press, but last week was requested to tender his resignation; was made distressingly despondent and hopeless. The next day he left town in search of work, and nothing more was heard of him until the new county of which that place iness interests into cash and portable his return last night. He walked up desires to be the county seat. ecurities and left his once happy to his mother's home, and as she came home to become a wanderer the rest of to the door to meet him, he put his arms around her and said: " Mother

> He produced a half-emptied mor-The half-crazed mother wrenched it cealed it, as she thought, she excitedly summoned all the physicians in the

Cherry had seen where she had out admit of any redemption. He went the drug, and as he attempted to get into big mining schemes and all kinds it and swallow what remained, his 16year-old sister rushed up. She divined every instance would win. Finally he his intention, and grasped his arms was heard from in Albuquerque, N. and struggled desperately for the poslowed the remainder of the deadly poison.

almost immediately. Cherry was rapidly going into a stupor. They fought heroically, but to no avail, to —Henry Sudduth, of Glassy Mou save his life. He lapsed into uncontain township, the "Dark Corner" sciousness despite their efforts to keep Greenville County, has been committed price of peace is the withdrawal of the showed them to Schooleraft he said him awake, and in a few hours was to jail, on a charge of criminal assault dead.

> with grief, and all Albany is deploring the sad affair. Cherry was about November 18, to take the young girl

HE WANTS TO UNITE THE WHITE PEOPLE.

QUEER NOISES AT NINKTY SIX. A Patriotic Purpose in View-Ho Takes High Ground on Public Af-

pecial to The State.

TRENTON, Nov. 25 -At this point today, starting for Columbia, I met the man who soon after the second Tuesday in January next is to assume the direction of the State government—Governor-Elect William H. Ellerbe—and spent several hours with him. He

tions to lay aside factional differences

just at this time. He says his health was bad just after the campaign, but if he would take his exercise in that way; he added with a smile, "But I think walking is safer and better for me. I am accustomed to walking about the farm."

Mr. Ellerbe occupies a position somewhat distinct from his predecessors in the gubernatorial chair. His election was one of the unanimous kind and he s not bound by promises, neither is he tied up with obligations to any for support. About his only promise given in the campaign was that to the people of Charleston that if they would en-force the dispensary law he would remove the metropolitan police. When it asked him about this to-day, he declined to have anything to say on the subject, but those who know him are assured that that promise will be kept.

As to the dispensary problem the that the bonds and securities belong to John Lawrence Schooleraft, formerly of Kentucky.

Chief of Police Badenoch, of Chicago, when he turned over the securities to the owner, instead of making him happy, brought sorrow and suffering to him, as the bonds recall a sad event to him, as the bonds recall a sad event to him, as the bonds recall a sad event to him, as the bonds recall a sad event to him, as the bonds recall a sad event to him, as the bonds recall a sad event to him, as the bonds recall a sad event to him, as the bonds recall a sad event to the News and Courier, glving these facts, selecting that paper simply because the Columbia correspondent of that paper, some time before the August earthquake, came up here and ing his living by addressing letters at \$1 per thousand. It was quickly learned that he was the owner of the bonds, for he had the hotel check for the lads had a receipted bill for his board at the Saratoga Hotel. He, when asked in regard to the securities he once possessed, given the securities being to say the recover of the securities he once possessed, given these consequences and louder now than when first heard eight weeks ago these unexplained and and are more frequent and louder now than when first heard eight weeks ago these unexplained and and are more frequent and louder now than when first heard eight weeks ago these unexplained and and are more frequent and louder now than when first heard eight weeks ago these unexplained and and are more frequent and louder now than when first heard eight weeks ago these unexplained and and are more frequent and louder now than when first heard eight weeks ago these unexplained and and are more frequent and louder now than when first heard eight weeks ago these unexplained and and are more frequent and louder now than the promise will be kept. As to the dispensary problem, the will deal with it in his inaugural, will not make any suggestions or recommendations to the Ceneral Assembly. As to the dispensary problem, the will deal with it in his

to the General Assembly, but will once possessed, gave the numbers read- worth the space it would take to very plainly make it an address to the ily. Chief Badenoch, wanting to be publish it, or that it might disturb whole people, general in its character and broad in its scope. For Mr. Ellerbe believes that an inaugural should be addressed to the people themselves. To-day I asked Mr. Ellerbe about the chance of getting a reduction in taxes ought to be known by the people that in South Carolina. He said this was a matter to which he had given most serious consideration and much time. but he had failed to evolve any scheme. The only thing he could see was the increase of the taxable property in the Petty took considerable interest at State. This could be brought about by bringing more people with money into the State and by encouraging the settlement of emigrants here. would cost no more to run the State government with this increase of property and taxes would be lowered.
Mr. Ellerbe has outlined an excellent policy as to the making of all appointments, but in regard to this as in nearly everything else he is exceedingly reticent.

He had just left Sepator Tillman when I saw him to-day. He and Senator Tillman are members of the curriculum committee of the Clemson trustees, and he had come down to see the Senator about the condition of affairs at the college. The death of Prof. McGee deprives the college of a professor of agriculture, thus leaving one of the essential departments without a director. There seems to be great difficulty about finding a man to fill the place. It has been agreed upon finally, Mr. Ellerbe says, to leave the matter open until Dec. 14, when the trustees meet at the college commencement. Mr. Ellerbe says Senator Tillman is to make two speeches soon -one at St. Matthews on Dec. 3, in aid of the Calhoun county schome; other at Gaffney on Dec. 5, in aid of

-Rev. Thomas Raysor, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died a few days ago at the parsonage of the Lower St. Matthews circuit near Cameron, Orangeburg County. Stricken with paralysis several weeks ago, he never rallied to any appreciable extent, though at intervals he was conscious of things around him and recognized his family. was well known all over South Carolina, having in his long connection with the Methodist church served numerous charges as pastor and dis-tricts as presiding elder. He leaves a large family of children and a widow. All of the children are grown and one or two of them resided with him. He was near the three score and ten limit, A number of physicians responded faithfully.

-Henry Sudduth, of Glassy Mounon the person of his fifteen year old sic-His mother and sister are prostrate ter-in-law, Jane Center. He called at her mother's house on the afternoon of to his house, so as to leave at midnight for the circus at Greenville the next board last summer, and, failing to get of dollars. Schoolcraft, although be- west Georgia, and a well-known figure day, and committed the alleged outrage on the way back to his house.